# OTONARI COMPLEX

## Chapter 14: Their Feelings

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SCANLATION BY AMPLIFIED

AIJIISHIBASHI

BUT YOU JUST SHOPPED FOR A LOT OF CLOTHES.

SHOPPING?

14 THEIR FEELINGS

LET'S GO. IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE BUSY.

You're just reading a magazine.

Hmm

IN SHORT, I'M SHOPPING AS A GUY.

LOOK AT ME. I'M NOT CROSS-DRESSING TODAY.

OKAY.

I'LL JUST CHANGE. WAIT FOR ME.

I THOUGHT IT WAS THE CASE AFTER RECEIVING THAT MAIL YESTERDAY...

BUT

AS FAR AS I CAN REMEMBER, SHE'S BEEN BY MY SIDE.

"SHE'S BROODING OVER SOMETHING."

SHE REALLY IS ACTING STRANGE...

—What do I wear?

MAYBE BECAUSE SHE'S ALWAYS HAD A CAREFREE PERSONALITY,

AKIRA RARELY SHOWS IT IN HER ACTIONS WHEN SHE'S BROODING OVER SOMETHING.

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I CAN TELL THAT MUCH.

I'LL FINISH QUICKLY, SO KILL SOME TIME AROUND HERE.

Ah

THAT STORE OVER THERE.

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HAVE YOU DECIDED ON WHERE TO SHOP?

YES~

WELCOME. ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN ITEM?

SALE

EXCUSE ME.

WELCOME BACK.

SORRY YOU HAD TO WAIT.

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I'M SHOPPING AS A GUY TODAY.

I TOLD YOU, RIGHT?

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YOU WERE PRETTY QUICK. YOU'VE DECIDED ON WHAT TO BUY?

LET'S GRAB COFFEE AND DRINK SOMEWHERE.

IT'S ALMOST CHRISTMAS.

OH, RIGHT. THE TREE EXHIBITION STARTS THIS WEEK.

WOW!

HEY

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LET'S SIT AND DRINK.

OKAY.

I'M NOT ANGRY OR ANYTHING.

SORRY

I WENT HOME FIRST YESTERDAY.

YOU DID THAT AFTER EVERY-THING THAT HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU TWO, RIGHT?

THEN I'M IN NO POSITION TO SAY ANYTHING.

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OH

Ahaha

THAT'S SOMETHING I CAN'T GET ANGRY OF.

I'M SAYING SORRY FOR GOING HOME FIRST WITHOUT TELLING YOU...

NO, IT'S ALSO ABOUT NISHIKUBO.

*SHE'S FORCIBLY CHANGING THE TOPIC...*

YOU SEE, I ALSO WANTED A NEW PAIR OF SHOES~

MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT KIND OF SHOES DID YOU BUY?

EH

CAN I TAKE A LOOK?

HERE

*WELL, IT SHOULD BE ALRIGHT...*

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WELL, ACTUALLY

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EH?!

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H-HOW DID YOU...

THEY'RE YOURS.

YEAH.

THE MAIN STORE DOESN'T DISTRIBUTE A PAIR OF THAT SIZE.

THERE SHOULDN'T BE A PAIR OF THIS SIZE.

THE SIZE...

It will take a bit of time, but it is possible to order a pair from the main store. How about it?

26cm

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OH...

I THINK SHE MENTIONED SOMETHING LIKE THAT...

I was only half-listening.

Didn't you listen to the store attendant?

YOU CAN ORDER A PAIR FROM THE MAIN STORE.

BUT THERE'S THIS CONCEPT CALLED "QUEEN-SIZE" IN THIS WORLD.

SO THEY'RE MY CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOU.

YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU WANTED THEM.

I HAVE SAVINGS, YOU KNOW.

YOU DON'T HAVE A PART-TIME JOB, MAKOTO...

BUT...

...BUT...

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Sigh

YOU CAN RETURN THEM IF YOU DON'T NEED THEM...

I'M VERY HAPPY!!!

Thank you very much!!!!

NO, I NEED THEM!! I'M HAPPY!!

YOU AND I ARE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS

AND WE'VE GOT OUR OWN RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER PEOPLE.

...CAN I SAY SOMETHING REALLY STRANGE?

AND I'VE NEVER WORRIED ABOUT THAT. BUT...

EVEN IF YOU GET A GIRLFRIEND, I THOUGHT IT'S NOT LIKE OUR RELATIONSHIP WILL CHANGE

THINGS THAT ARE NATURAL TO US LIKE ENTERING EACH OTHER'S ROOMS,

SHOPPING AT THE CONVENIENCE STORE SIDE BY SIDE,

IF

YOUR GIRLFRIEND HATES IT,

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I PONDERED ABOUT IT FOR THE WHOLE NIGHT YESTERDAY.

WE MIGHT HAVE TO STOP DOING ALL OF THOSE.

AND EVEN EXCHANGING GIFTS LIKE THIS--

…AND I THOUGHT THAT'S SUCH A SAD THING

AND I DON'T WANT THAT.

SO THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE BROODING ABOUT SINCE YESTERDAY!!

ST-STUPID ?!

Eh

ARE...

YOU STUPID ?!!

LISTEN PROPERLY, OKAY?!

I WOULD NEVER PICK A GIRL LIKE THAT, EVEN IF I DIE.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT!!

HUH? THAT'S SO ABRUPT.

Were you holding it in?

GOOD

I'M GOING TO THE RESTROOM FOR A BIT.

GOT IT...

SHE WASN'T PROBABLY LEAVING THE CHILDHOOD FRIEND FRAME

BUT EVEN SO

WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?

SHE SHOULDN'T BE THINKING ABOUT ME AT ALL.

TO ME.

SHOWED SOMETHING LIKE AN ATTACHMENT

FOR THE FIRST TIME, AKIRA

AH, THIS MUCH IS FINE FOR NOW.

IT'S ENOUGH.

FUMI-CHAN!!

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AKIRA-CHAN

I SAW YOU BUY COFFEE

AND RAN AFTER YOU BECAUSE THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO TELL YOU.

BUT

WHAT A COIN-CIDENCE! WHAT'S UP?!

...IT'S NOT A COINCI-DENCE.

...I SAW YOU ACCEPT THAT FROM NINOMIYA-KUN.

OH

*THE PERSON I LIKE WOULD HAVE SAID, "NO MATTER WHAT YOU WEAR, YOU'RE STILL YOU, MAKOTO."*

HUH...

AS I THOUGHT, THOSE PARTING WORDS...

SO HE WAS SHOWING OFF TO ME HOW GOOD YOUR RELATION-SHIP IS.

HMM...

BUT I WON'T.

IT SEEMS LIKE I HAVE NOTHING TO APOLOGIZE FOR ANYWAY.

YESTERDAY, I TOOK IT OUT ON YOU AND SAID SOMETHING MEAN

EVEN SO, CAN "CHILDHOOD FRIENDS" STILL GET ALONG WELL...

SO I CAME HERE TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU...

...FUMI-CHAN...?

I'M SUCH AN IDIOT, AREN'T?

OF ALL PEOPLE, I ASKED *YOU* FOR HELP.

AND YOU EVEN SAID... YOU'LL HELP ME.

LET'S BE HONEST HERE. YOU'RE AWARE OF IT, AREN'T YOU?

THAT NINOMIYA-KUN LIKES YOU, AKIRA-CHAN.

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Best friend or more, friendzone.
Childhood friend Complex!